[*Translation*]

SHRI RATILAL VARMA: Mr. Speaker, Sir, through you, I would like to tell the hon. Minister that many trains coming from all over the country stop at the Palanpur railway station which is located in north Gujarat and many things including cummin seeds (Zira) are loaded from there. Therefore, the Railways should make seating arrangements and provide potable water etc. for the convenience of the passengers. Similarly, the platform should be expanded and the length of the shed increased to cater to the needs of the large number of passengers boarding and arriving at the Station. I would like to know from the Hon. Minister, whether the railways intend to provide these facilities and if so, by when do they propose to make them available?

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): The existing arrangement is sufficient to take care of the traffic available. If the Hon. Member says that there is much more, we will get a traffic survey made.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

[*Translation*]

Gas Based Power Plants in Haryana

*408. SHRI RAM PRAKASH CHAUDHARY: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up gas-based power plants in Haryana;

(b) if so, the names of places where these are proposed to be set up and the production capacity of each; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) proposes to set up a Gas based power project at Faridabad, Haryana, with a capacity of 800 MW.

[*English*]

Old Projects behind Schedule

*409. SHRI VIRENDRA SINGH:
SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of projects in oil exploration, production, refining and marketing, separately, which were lagging behind schedule;

(b) the estimated cost of each project;

(c) the cost escalation as a result of delay in implementation of these projects; and

(d) the steps taken to speed up the work of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). Following projects approved by Government are delayed and their cost overruns due to various factors including delay are as follows:-